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Mr. Carl Malamud
Founder
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Dear Carl:

As the Obama Administration comes to an end, I wanted to thank you for the work to publish and share public domain material in the United States and internationally. I deeply admire your dedication and persistence to this mission, even in the face of opposition and adversity.

As you have written so eloquently, this work is particularly important with respect to public law, given that "it is the right of all humans to know and speak the laws that govern them."

Over the years, your technical work and advocacy has expanded access to important information such as:

- Full text of United States legal opinions dating from 1880;
- Information on the programs and activities of non-profit organizations;
- U.S. government videos and films;
- Congressional hearings and floor debates;
- Safety standards; and
- The SEC EDGAR database.

At today's last staff meeting of President Obama's Office of Science and Technology Policy, we read a poem by Marge Piercy called "To be of use" that made me think of your steadfastness and determination to do what you think is right.

I love people to harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart,
who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience,
who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward,
who do what has to be done, again and again.

Very respectfully,



Tom Kalil